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1. FOURTH MEETING CONVENED 10 A.M. APRIL 25 WITH SCHMIDT-KUESTER (FRG) IN CHAIR AND ATTENDED BY 28 REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ECG MEMBERS EXCEPT FOR LUXEMBOURG. REPRESENTATIVES OF OECD AND OECD/NEA ALSO PRESENT.

2. ESSENTIAL FOCUS OF MEETING WAS PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS IN TEN TECHNOLOGY PRIORITY AREAS BY "LEAD COUNTRIES" FOLLOWED BY BRIEF DISCUSSIONS. WITH EXCEPTION OF THREE U.S. PROPOSALS (REACTOR SAFETY, FUSION AND ENERGY CONSERVATION) OTHER PRESENTATIONS DID NOT SUGGEST SPECIFIC PROJECTS BUT PROVIDE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR EXPERTS TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. JAPANESE WERE COMPLIMENTED ON THEIR COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL ON SOLAR ENERGY. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST EXPRESSED IN U.S. REACTOR SAFETY PROPOSAL. EXCEPT FOR BELGIAN SUGGESTIONS TO PLACE SEVERAL NUCLEAR REACTOR TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDING FAST BREEDERS ON PRIORITY LIST FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, NO SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE FOR REVISING LIST. BELGIAN VIEWS DID NOT RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM ANY DELEGATION.

3. NEXT STEP IS FURTHER DEFINITION BY EXPERTS OF SPECIFIC TOPICS FOR COOPERATION WITHIN EACH OF THE TEN PRIORITY AREAS AND IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS. IN RESPONSE TO CONCERN OF UK AND OTHER THAT AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATIVE PROJECTS THE RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PARTIES, AD HOC R&D GROUP REMINDED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WAS NOT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ADHOC GROUP'S WORK WHICH WAS TO IDENTIFY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ENERGY R&D.

4. EXPERTS IN ALL TEN AREAS TO MEET FOR ONE DAY EACH ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

MAY 10 - COAL

MAY 13 - SOLAR; NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT; HYDROGEN PRODUCTION FROM WATER; USE OF MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE; AND SYSTEMS ANALYSIS.

MAY 14 FUSION; REACTOR SAFETY; WASTE HEAT UTILIZATION; AND ENERGY CONSERVATION.

COAL MEETING ON MAY 10 IN LONDON (NATIONAL COAL BOARD). ALL OTHER MEETINGS IN HAMBURG.

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5. AS REQUESTED U.S. DISTRIBUTED REVISED PAPER ON CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF R&D PROJECTS. DISCUSSION POSTPONED TILL NEXT MEETING IN VIEW OF LACK OF TIME.

6. CHAIRMAN TABLED DRAFT OUTLINE OF AD HOC GROUP'S REPORT TO ECG. (FYI: OUTLINE CLOSELY FOLLOWED U.S. DRAFT, PARA 9 REFTEL. END FYI) REQUESTED INTERESTED COUNTRIES PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON OUTLINE AND PARTICIPATE IN REPORT DRAFTING

SESSION IN HAMBURG ON MAY 14. CHAIRMAN CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO NEED FOR CONSIDERING WHETHER TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ECG ON FOLLOW-ON MECHANISMS AND WHETHER TO SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY R&D AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO PRODUCERS AND LDC'S.

7. NEXT MEETING OF GROUP ON MAY 15 HAMBURG. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION SCHMIDT-KUESTER INDICATED HE CONTEMPLATED ONE ADDITIONAL MEETING IN JUNE TO AGREE ON FINAL REPORT. MEETING DATE TO BE DETERMINED LATER SO AS TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH BALANCE OF ECG SCHEDULE.

8. FYI: SCHMIDT-KUESTER TOLD USDEL HE RECEIVED CABLE FROM DAVIGNON EXPRESSING CONCERN AT FAST PACE OF AD HOC GROUP'S WORK AND THAT GROUP WOULD MAKE CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO ECG BEFORE WORK OF OTHER GROUPS CLEAR. S-K SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH DAVIGNON DURING R&D MEETING. S-K SAID DAVIGNON'S REAL CONCERN WAS THAT R&D GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROJETS AND PARTICIPANTS MIGHT LEAD TO EXCLUSION OF OTHER COUNTRIES NOT IN ECG. HE SOUGHT ASSURANCE FROM S-K THAT DOOR WOULD BE LEFT OPEN FOR OTHER EC COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR FRANCE. S-K SAID HE ASSURED DAVIGNON THAT AD
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